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**Department of Education**

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** School Health & Nutrition Program Sponsors

**From:** Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent  
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**RE:** Welcome to the Arizona Child Nutrition Programs: 2004-2005 school year

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**Welcome back to School Nutrition**

Welcome all sponsors! We hope your 2004-2005 school year is off to a great start. The School Health & Nutrition Program Staff look forward to working together with each of you this program year. For the past year we all have been awaiting for congress to finalize the reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Programs for 2004-2009. President George W. Bush signed the bill on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004, and there are many exciting improvements and changes for the National School Lunch Program this year. We are committed to providing all sponsors with the most up to date information on all USDA policy changes and new regulations, as soon as the ADE receives them.

Enclosed in this Welcome Back Packet are six memos relating to new policy changes you need to be immediately aware of (CN# 02-05, CN# 03-05, CN# 04-05, CN# 05-05, CN# 06-05, CN# 08-05, as well as SFSP #01-05). **Your attention to these memos is crucial; please carefully read through all of the memos enclosed in this packet.** This packet also includes a Reimbursement Desk Reference for you, along with our first quarter edition of SCOOPS for this school year.

**From SFA to LEA**

While there are many acronyms in the Child Nutrition Programs, the most widely used and recognized one is SFA (School Food Authority). As part of Reauthorization 2004, SFA has been permanently replaced with the term LEA (Local Education Agency). The term LEA is more widely used and recognized throughout the education field. The federal regulations define LEA as follows:

A public board of education or other public authority legally constituted within a State for either administrative control or direction of, or to perform a service function for, public elementary schools or secondary schools in a city, county, township, school district, or other political subdivision of a State, or of or for a combination of school districts or counties that is recognized in a State as an administrative agency for its public elementary schools or secondary schools.

Both USDA and ADE are diligently working to update the federal regulations, guidance manuals, and web applications to reflect this change.

### **Grants Available For Secondary Schools**

One of the most important program changes from this Reauthorization is the upcoming requirement that all sponsors must have a wellness policy in place by school year 2006-2007. The Arizona Department of Education has received a second USDA Team Nutrition Grant to further assist Arizona schools in meeting this requirement. This newly awarded 2004 grant was awarded for the ADE to study and evaluate the Arizona Action For Healthy Kids Model Healthy School Environment Policy at the secondary level. The grant funding will be used to study both the financial and nutritional impact of the policy, in primarily open campus settings. Four Arizona secondary schools will be selected to receive the grant funding to implement the model policy. Each of the four pilot schools will receive a \$15,000 grant, policy training, health education curriculum, and much more if selected. Please consider proposing to your school administrator to apply for one of your secondary schools to pilot the policy. Information and the grant application can be downloaded from our website at [www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/nslp/](http://www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/nslp/)

### **Better Serving Southern Arizona**

To more efficiently serve southern Arizona, the ADE has recently opened a Health & Nutrition Office within the Tucson Department Of Education Building. In establishing the Tucson Satellite Office we will be able to offer more training and technical assistance for southern Arizona. Sponsors located in Yuma, Pima, Santa Cruz, and Cochise Counties have been re-assigned a Program Specialist located in the Tucson satellite office. All sponsors can locate their assigned Program Specialist and CNP Web Assistant, along with contact information, through common logon at [www.ade.az.gov](http://www.ade.az.gov)

Thank you for your participation in the School Health and Nutrition Programs for the 2004-2005 school year. If you have questions or concerns regarding this memo, please contact your assigned School Health & Nutrition Program Specialist.

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